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SUBJ: STUDENT, TEACHERS STRIKE SITUATION

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1. STRIKE ACTIVITY AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH BEGAN IN LATE JANUARY HAS SPATTERED ON BUT HAS NOT CONSTITUTED THREAT TO PUBLIC ORDER. CENTRAL ISSUE OF CONFLICT BETWEEN SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND GOVERNMENT REMAINS UNRESOLVED BUT TEACHERS' UNION HAS NOT REPEATED ITS ONE DAY "SHOW OF STRENGTH STRIKE" OF JANUARY 28. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RETURNED TO CLASS AFTER THEIR STRIKE ON JANUARY 28, HELD ONE-DAY STRIKE ON FEBRUARY 5 TO COMMEMORATE 1968 STRIKE, BUT UNIVERSITY IS NOW BACK TO NORMAL. STRIKE AT ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEURE IS OVER WHILE NEW STRIKE HAS BEGUN AT INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION IN TUNIS OVER ACADEMIC ISSUES.

2. STUDENT STRIKES HAVE BECOME PART OF TUNISIAN LANDSCAPE AND, AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT POSE THREAT TO PUBLIC ORDER, GOT NOW SEEMS CONTENT TO ALLOW THEM TO GO UNMOLESTED BY SECURITY FORCES. UNPRECEDENTED PRESS COVERAGE GIVEN TO STRIKES IN LATE JANUARY HAS ENDED AND ALL NEWS ON THIS SUBJECT IS AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH RUMOR MILL.

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